

# DOLL MAN



THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MITE

**WEIRD! FANTASTIC!**  
INSECTS AS LARGE AS DOGS,  
MICE THE SIZE OF ELEPHANTS  
AND MEN TOWERING OVER BUILDINGS!

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**GIANTS OF CRIME!**

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and the  
**GIANTS OF CRIME!**



Darrel Dane, brilliant young research scientist devotes all of his efforts to making science aid man's progress... just as he unceasingly battles crime as the Doll Man! But when a master criminal turns the product of Darrel Dane's genius AGAINST the Doll Man, the mighty mite matches his formidable powers against the gargantuan menace of **THE GHASTLY GIANT OF CRIME!**

IN A HIDEOUT ROOM WHERE TWO LOYAL HENCHMEN AWAIT THE RETURN OF THEIR LEADER...



SARCOHI, WE'RE HERE!

IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, BOSS! SEVEN YEARS IN PRISON IS A LONG TIME!

THINGS HAVEN'T BEEN SO GOOD WITH US BOSS, SINCE THEY SENT YOU OFF TO STIR! NOW YOU'RE BACK WE'LL START MAKING SOME REAL DOUGH AGAIN!

LET'S FACIT, BOYS! CRIME ISN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE! THE OLD METHODS AREN'T EVER GONNA PAY OFF AGAIN!



YOU MEAN WE'VE GOTTA GO STRAIGHT? IT AIN'T POSSIBLE THAT YOU COULDN'T COME UP WITH AN IDEA, SARCOHI!

ALL I SAID IS THAT RACKETEERING AND THE USUAL CRIME SYNDICATE STUFF IS WASHED UP! SURE, I'VE GOT AN IDE!

SCIENTIFIC METHODS OF CRIME DETECTING ARE WHAT KILLED OFF THE OLD RACKETEERS. THE ONLY WAY WE CAN COME BACK IS TO USE SCIENCE OURSELVES! WE'LL START WITH THIS FELLOW DARREL DANE...



LATER, IN DARREL DANE'S RESEARCH LABORATORY...

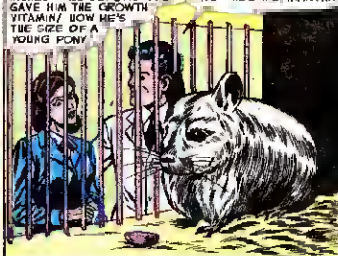
THAT'S OUR FOURTH BOTTLE OF THE NEW GROWTH VITAMIN EXTRACT! WE'VE DONE ENOUGH WORK FOR TODAY, MARTHA!

LET'S GO LOOK AT YOUR LATEST EXPERIMENT, DARREL!



AMAZING TO THINK THAT THIS GUINEA PIG WAS ONLY A FEW INCHES TALL BEFORE YOU GAVE HIM THE GROWTH VITAMIN! NOW HE'S THE SIZE OF A YOUNG PONY!

AND HE'S STILL GROWING! THAT'S WHAT WORRIES ME, MARTHA!



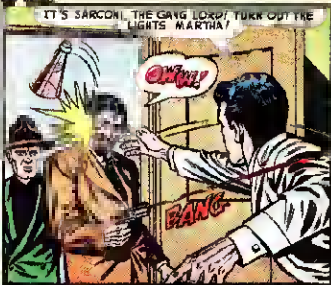
WE HAVEN'T YET ESTABLISHED THE CONTROL FACTOR IN GROWTH CAUSED BY THE VITAMIN. IF THE RATE OF GROWTH CONTINUES UNCHECKED, IT MAY HAVE DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES!





HAND OVER THAT STUFF, MR. DANE! OR YOU'LL MEET WITH DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES!

WHA...



IT'S SARCONI, THE GANG LORD! TURN OUT THE LIGHTS, MARTHA!

AS MARTHA ROBERTS CLICKS THE SWITCH, THE LAB ROOM IS PLUNGED INTO INKY DARKNESS!

NOWS THE TIME, MARTHA! BEFORE THEY GET THE LIGHTS ON, CONCENTRATE YOUR WILL POWER...

DARREL DANE AND MARTHA ROBERTS BOTH POSSESS THE UNIQUE ABILITY OF CONDENSING THE ATOMS OF THEIR BODIES BY AN EFFORT OF WILL, THUS BECOMING

DOLL MAN AND DOLL GIRL!



WE KNOW YOUR REPUTATION TOO, SARCONI...

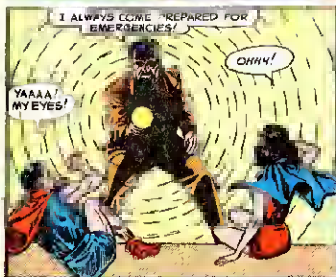
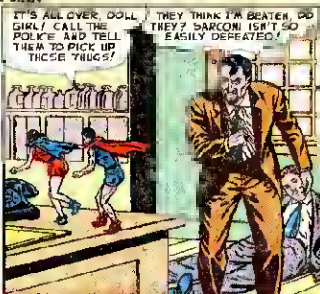
UGHHH!



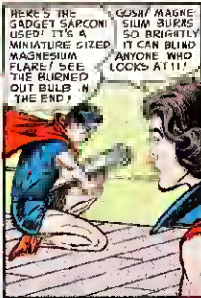
...AND WE'RE GETTING A BIG BANG OUT OF MEETING YOU IN PERSON!

YEOWWW!

# DOLL MAN



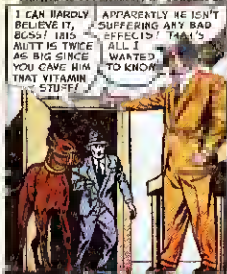
LONG PAINFUL MINUTES LATER...





# DOLL MAN

AT SARCONI'S HEADQUARTERS, A FANTASTIC EXPERIMENT IS CONCLUDED.



I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT, BOSS! THIS MUTT IS TWICE AS BIG SINCE YOU GAVE HIM THAT VITAMIN STUFF!

APPARENTLY HE ISN'T SUFFERING ANY BAD EFFECTS! THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO KNOW.



I TESTED IT ON THAT DOG TO SEE IF IT WOULD BOSS! BE DANGEROUS! NOW WE KNOW IT ISN'T! SO WE'RE GONNA BE THE NEXT ONES TO USE IT!



DRINK UP, MEN! TO GIANTS... OF CRIME!

I HOPE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOIN' BOSS!

A FEW NIGHTS LATER, GROTESQUELY LARGE FIGURES APPEAR OUTSIDE A FUR LOFT BUILDING.



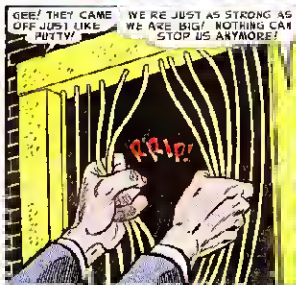
HOW ARE WE GONNA GET IN, SIDE, SARCONI?

THAT THIRD FLOOR WINDOW IS THE ONE WE WANT TO REACH!



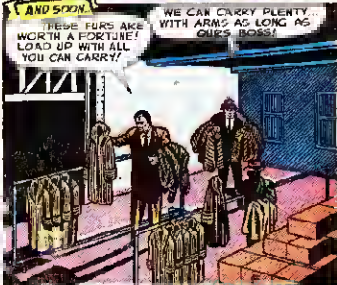
SHOULDN'T BE TOO HARD... FOR MEN OUR SIZE!

THEY GOT BARRED WINDOWS BOSS! BUT THEY DON'T FEEL TOO STRONG TO ME!



GEE! THEY CAME OFF JUST LIKE PUTTY!

WE'RE JUST AS STRONG AS WE ARE BIG! NOTHING CAN STOP US ANYMORE!



AND SOON...

THESE FURS ARE WORTH A FORTUNE! LOAD UP WITH ALL YOU CAN CARRY!

WE CAN CARRY PLENTY... WITH ARMS AS LONG AS OURS BOSS!





THAT SAME MORNING DARREL DANE AND MARTHA ROBERTS VISIT THE POLICE STATION...

LUCKY WE HAVE ELMO TO GUIDE US! WE STILL CAN'T SEE WELL ENOUGH TO GO ALONE.

BUT WE HAD TO REPORT TO THE POLICE! I WAS CERTAIN SARCONI AND HIS HENCHMEN WERE BEHIND THAT MYSTERIOUS FUR ROBBERY.



THE EVIDENCE PROVES I WAS RIGHT! ONLY GIANTS COULD HAVE REACHED THAT WINDOW AND BROKEN THE BARS! AND THE POLICE DISCOVERED ONE OF THEIR FOOTPRINTS!

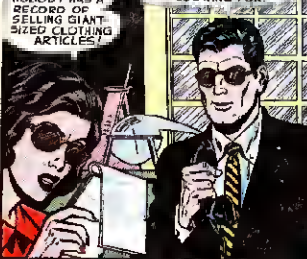
LARGER THAN ANY EVER RECORDED.



LATER...

THAT MAKES THE TWELFTH STORE I'VE CHECKED. NOBODY HAS A RECORD OF SELLING GIANT-SIZED CLOTHING ARTICLES!

KEEP TRYING! WE KNOW THAT ORDINARY APPAREL WON'T FIT THE MEN WE'RE LOOKING FOR!



AGAIN, AN EFFORT OF AMAZING WILL POWER, AND...

AND FINALLY...

WHAT'S THAT? ONE OF YOUR CUSTOM TAILORS FILLED AN ORDER FOR OUTFITTING TWELVE-FOOT WAX DUMMIES! THEY SAID IT WAS FOR A MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION!

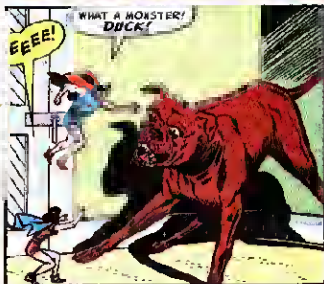
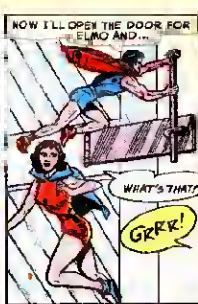
THAT'S IT! GET THE ADDRESS, MARTHA!



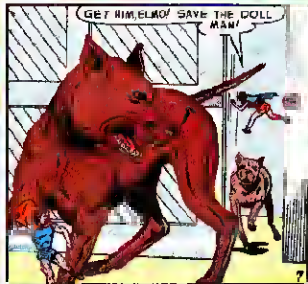
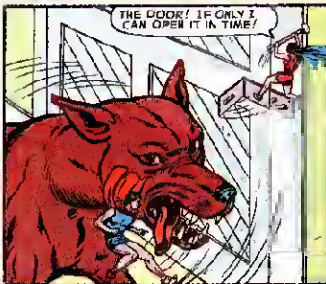
I'LL BET THOSE WEREN'T WAX DUMMIES THEY BOUGHT CLOTHES FOR! THAT'S THE SORT OF EXCUSE SARCONI WOULD USE TO DELAY SUSPICION!

LET'S GO, ELMO!





PINNED DOWN BY THE GIANT DOG'S FIRST RUCK DOLL MAN FIGHTS VALIANTLY FOR HIS LIFE!



**SHARLING DEFIANCE, ELMO LEAPS INTO THE FRAY...**

**DOLL MAN**

WE'VE GOT TO HELP HIM!

I HOPE HE DOESN'T LIKE IT DOWNSTAIRS.

ELMO ISN'T AFRAID OF ODDS! BUT HE'S NO MATCH FOR THAT CANINE MONSTER!

**ABRUPTLY**

GOOD GLORY! HE JUST COLLAPSED ALL OF A SUDDEN!

SOMETHING'S WRONG, DOLL MAN! IS HE...?

HE'S DEAD! THIS IS WHAT I FEARED WOULD HAPPEN, DOLL GIRL! WE **MUST** FIND SARCONI BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

?

**IN THE HIDEOUT ROOM ATOP THE GARAGE.**

NO SIGN OF SARCONI OR HIS MEN!

THEY'VE BEEN HERE! NOT LONG AGO EITHER! TAKE A LOOK AT THIS DIAGRAM!

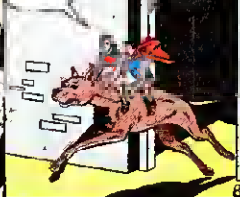
BUT DOLL MAN! WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT TO MAKE A DIAGRAM OF A CELLAR?

DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE THE ADDRESS? 420 DEEP END AVENUE IS THE LOCATION OF TIFFANY'S... THE WORLD'S MOST EXPENSIVE JEWELRY STORE!



NOW I GET IT! THOSE X'S ON THE DIAGRAM MARK THE LOCATION OF THE JEWELRY COUNTERS DIRECTLY ABOVE!

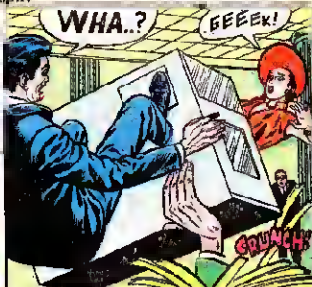
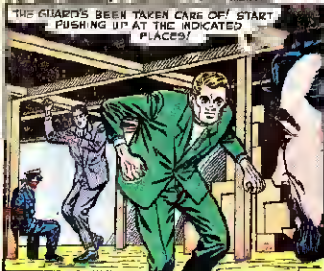
SARCONI'S TRYING TO PILL OFF ONE OF THE MOST FABULOUS ROBBERIES IN HISTORY!





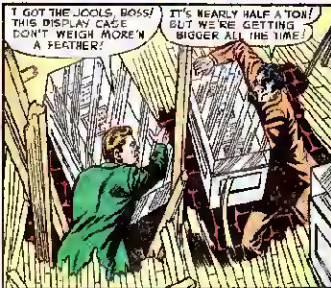
AT THIS MOMENT, IN TIFFARTY'S BASEMENT

THE GUARD'S BEEN TAKEN CARE OF! START PUSHING UP AT THE INDICATED PLACES!



I GOT THE JOOLS, BOSS! THIS DISPLAY CASE DON'T WEIGH MORE'N A FEATHER!

IT'S NEARLY HALF A TON! BUT WE'RE GETTING BIGGER ALL THE TIME!



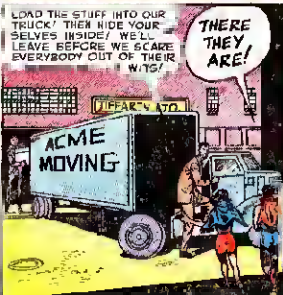
EVEN OUR CLOTHES DON'T FIT US ANYMORE!

WE MUSTA GROWN SINCE WE CAME IN HERE! I USED TO FIT THROUGH THAT DOOR!



LOAD THE STUFF INTO OUR TRUCK! THEN HIDE YOURSELVES INSIDE! WE'LL LEAVE BEFORE WE SCARE EVERYBODY OUT OF THEIR WITS!

THERE THEY ARE!



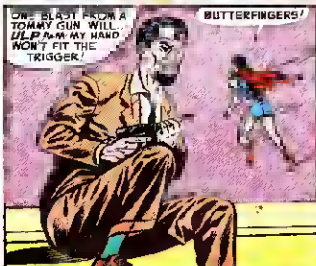
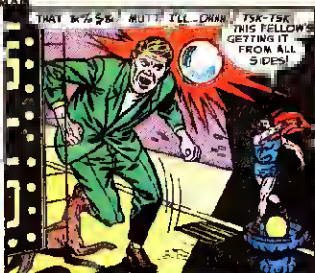
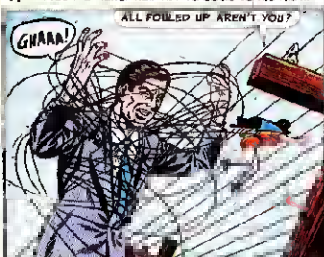
DOLLMAN! YOU LOOK SMALLER THAN EVER!



BUT REMEMBER THE ADAGE! THE BIGGER THEY ARE, THE HARDER THEY FALL!



AS SARCOW'S HENCHMEN TRY TO COME TO HIS AID...



LATER, WHEN THE POLICE ARRIVE WITH THE AMBULANCE...

NOT AT ALL! THEIR RAPID RATE OF GROWTH OUTRAN THEIR BLOOD SUPPLY! THEY DIED OF... **EXTREME PERNICIOUS ANEMIA!**

WELL, I'LL BE...



AND SO, SEVERAL DAYS LATER...



# ***A GUY, A GAL, A MURDER!***

**THESE ARE THE INGREDIENTS THAT MAKE A  
SPINE-CHILLING NIGHTMARE FOR PRIVATE EYE  
KEN SHANNON**

**IN**

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*Also-*

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DEATH!***

***THE MAN FROM  
NOWHERE!***

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# TORCHY

OFFICER, FOLLOW THAT MAN!

TRAIN SCHEDULE

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WESTPORT 6:15	STANFORD 3:20
NORWALK 4:02	

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WELL...OKAY!  
BUT I'D MUCH  
RATHER FOLLOW  
YOU!

WAITING ROOM

OH, GOSH! TESS'S TRAIN  
IS GOING TO BE LATE!  
I'LL READ MY PAPER  
WHILE I'M WAITING!

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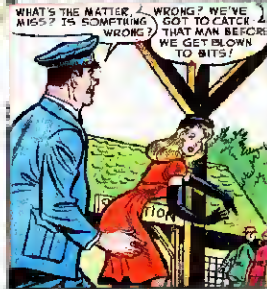
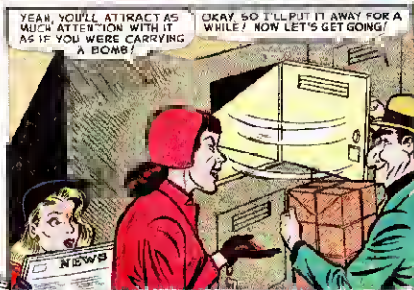
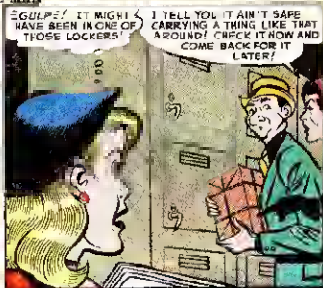
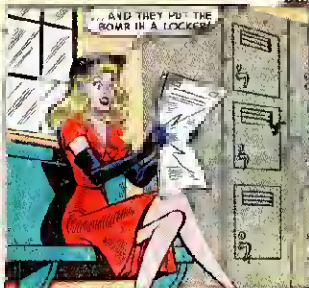
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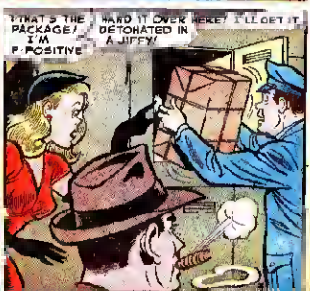
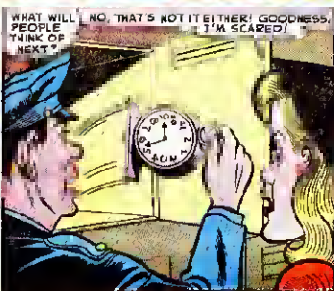
STANFORD 3:20

GOODNESS, THAT HAPPENED  
RIGHT HERE. I'M CERTAINLY  
GLAD THEY FOUND IT BEFORE  
IT WENT OFF!

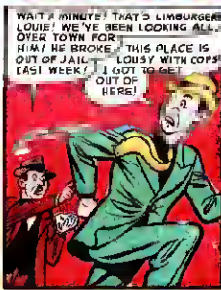
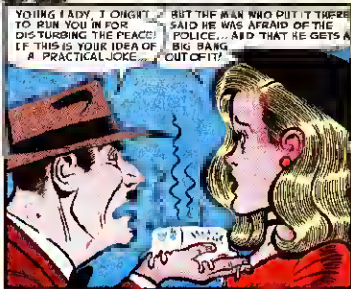
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BOMB FOUND  
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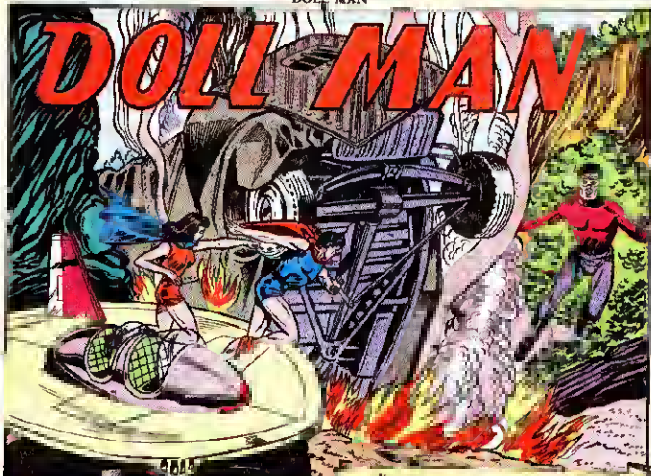
**DOLL MAN**







# DOLL MAN



NIGHT, AND A LONE FIGURE MOVES LIKE A CRAW-  
LING FLY UP THE STEEP SIDES OF A SKYSCRAPER

THAT WINDOW IS  
THE ONE I WANT!

HE CALLED HIMSELF MR. MAGNET... AND  
WITH GOOD REASON! CERTAINLY HE  
WAS THE MOST UNUSUAL CROOK THAT  
DOLL MAN AND DOLL GIRL EVER  
FACED! AND TO THE WORLD'S  
MIGHTIEST MITES COMES THE  
DANGEROUS TASK OF CAPTURING...

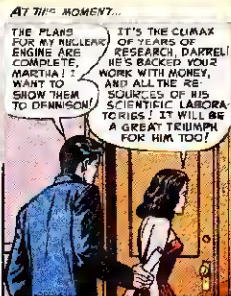
*The* **MYSTERIOUS MR. MAGNET!**

MR. DENNISON, I BELIEVE,  
I THOUGHT I'D DROP IN  
TO SEE YOU!

YOU... IT ISN'T  
POSSIBLE!



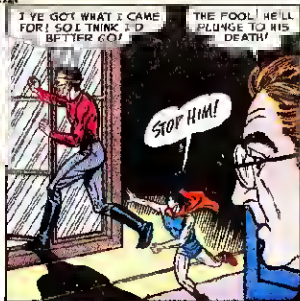
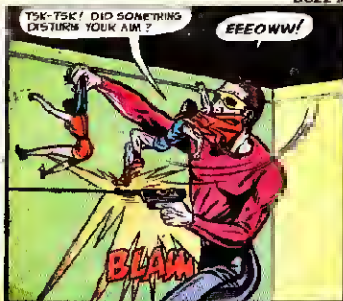
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BY AN EFFORT OF WILL, DARREL DAVE AND HIS FIANCEE, MARTHA ROBERTS, CAN CONDENSE THE MOLECULES OF BODIES AND SO BECOME DOLL MAN AND DOLL GIRL!



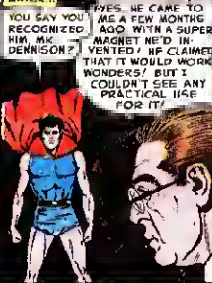




BUT A STARTLING SIGHT GREETED THE MIGHTY MITES!



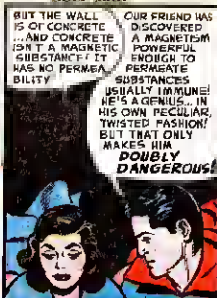
LATER...





HUH?  
I STILL  
DON'T  
SEE...

HE ATTACHED POWERFUL  
MAGNETS TO HIS SHOES!  
THEY GRIPPED THE  
BUILDING WALL TIGHTLY  
ENOUGH TO ENABLE HIM  
TO KEEP HIS BALANCE!



BUT THE WALL  
IS OF CONCRETE  
...AND CONCRETE  
ISN'T A MAGNETIC  
SUBSTANCE! IT  
HAS NO PERMEA-  
BILITY

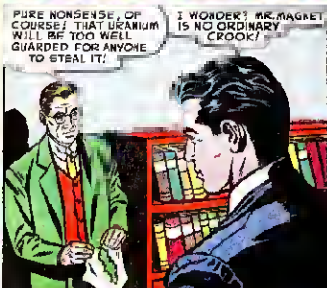
OUR FRIEND HAS  
DISCOVERED  
A MAGNETISM  
POWERFUL  
ENOUGH TO  
PERMEATE  
SUBSTANCES  
USUALLY IMMUNE!  
HE'S A GENIUS... IN  
HIS OWN PECULIAR,  
TWISTED FASHION!  
BUT THAT ONLY  
MAKES HIM  
**DOUBLY  
DANGEROUS!**



SEVERAL DAYS LATER...

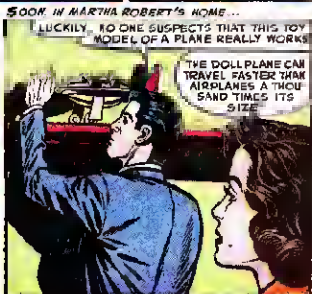
I JUST GOT  
A MESSAGE  
FROM MY  
VISITOR!  
HE SIGNS  
HIMSELF  
**MR. MAGNET!**

HMM! HE  
THREATENS TO  
ROB THE AR-  
MORED TRUCK  
THAT'S DELIVER-  
ING THE URANI-  
UM FUEL  
FOR MY  
NUCLEAR  
ENGINE!



PURE NONSENSE, OF  
COURSE! THAT URANIUM  
WILL BE TOO WELL  
GUARDED FOR ANYONE  
TO STEAL IT!

I WONDER? MR. MAGNET  
IS NO ORDINARY  
CROOK!



SOON, IN MARTHA ROBERT'S HOME...

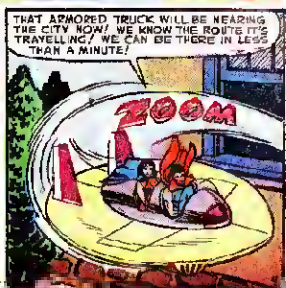
LUCKILY, NO ONE SUSPECTS THAT THIS TOY  
MODEL OF A PLANE REALLY WORKS

THE DOLL PLANE CAN  
TRAVEL FASTER THAN  
AIRPLANES A THOU-  
SAND TIMES ITS  
SIZE

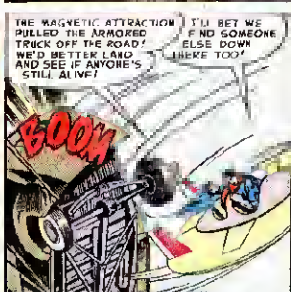
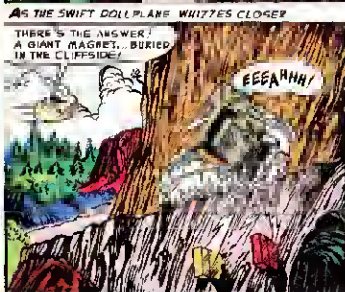
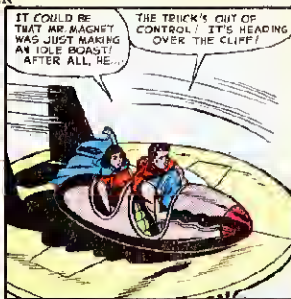
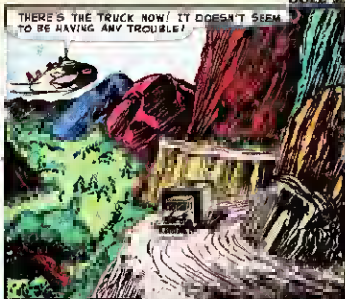


READY  
DOLL GIRL?

CHECK!



THAT ARMORED TRUCK WILL BE NEARING  
THE CITY NOW! WE KNOW THE ROUTE IT'S  
TRAVELLING! WE CAN BE THERE IN LESS  
THAN A MINUTE!





AFTER AN HEROIC BATTLE WITH THE FLARES,

# DOLL MAN

BOTH MEN ARE UNCONSCIOUS... BUT ALIVE! THEY'RE BEYOND REACH OF THE FIRE NOW!

AND SO IS THE URANIUM THEY WERE CARRYING!



BUT MR. MAGNET IS GONEY! HE HAD PLENTY OF TIME TO ESCAPE WHILE WE WERE BUSY HERE!

WHAT AN IR HUMAN PLAN! HE WOULD HAVE MURDERED TWO INNOCENT MEN JUST TO GET HIS HANDS ON THAT URANIUM SHIPMENT!



I'LL STAY WITH THESE POOR FELLOWS! YOU TAKE THE DOLL-MAN PLANE AND GO FOR AN AMBULANCE!

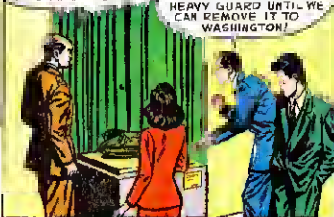
OKAY! WHILE I'M ABOUT IT, I'LL GET ANOTHER ARMORED TRUCK TO TAKE THE URANIUM TO ITS PROPER DESTINATION!



SEVERAL DAYS LATER, IN THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE...

I CONGRATULATE YOU MR. DANF! YOUR NUCLEAR ENGINE RUNS PERFECTLY ON URANIUM FUEL!

IT WILL PROVE AN IN-VALUABLE ADDITION TO DEMOCRACY'S ARSENAL! WE'LL KEEP IT UNDER HEAVY GUARD UNTIL WE CAN REMOVE IT TO WASHINGTON!



SUDDENLY...

THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY, GENTLEMEN! I CAN SELL THAT ENGINE FOR A FORTUNE! SO I'LL REMOVE IT... NOW!

MR. MAGNET!



YOU MUST BE CRAZY TO COME HERE! WE'LL... WHAT'S WRONG? I CAN'T MOVE!

NEITHER CAN I!

DIDN'T I EXPLAIN?



I PAID AN EARLIER VISIT HERE, IN THE GUISE OF AN ELECTRICIAN! ACTUALLY I PLANTED SMALL ELECTRO-MAGNETS IN THE FLOOR! WHEN I SET THE CURRENT GOING, THE MAGNETS WERE HELD YOU FAST... BY THE IRON NAILS IN YOUR SHOES! HA-HA!



SO THAT'S IT! NO ONE'S WATCHING US NOW. MARTHA! CONCENTRATE YOUR WILL, POWER!

RIGHT.



SECONDS LATER...

DOLL MAN  
AND  
DOLL GIRL!

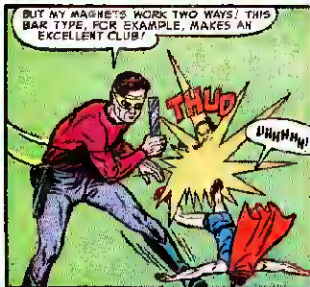
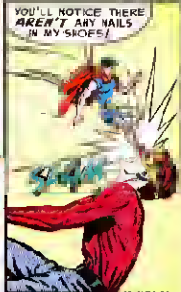
SOMETHING ABOUT  
YOU JUST DRAWS  
US TO YOU!

MAYBE IT'S  
YOUR PERSONAL  
MAGNETISM!

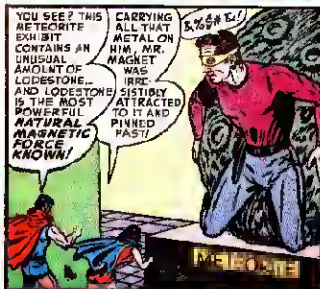
UH-H-H!

DEAR ME!  
HE NEARLY  
DROPPED  
IT!

YOU'LL NOTICE THERE  
AREN'T ANY NAILS  
IN MY SHOES!



QUICKLY  
RECOVERING,  
DOLL  
MAN  
CONTINUES  
THE  
CHASE  
ONTO  
THE  
SECOND  
FLOOR  
OF  
THE  
MUSEUM...



THE FOLLOWING EVENING...

WELL THE POLICE  
HAVE THOROUGHLY  
DEMAGNETIZED  
MR. MAGNET! HE'LL  
GO TO PRISON FOR  
A LONG, LONG  
TIME!

HIS DISCOVERIES ABOUT  
MAGNETISM WILL PROVE  
INVALUABLE! WHAT A  
WASTE... THAT A MAN  
WITH TRUE SCIENTIFIC  
GENIUS SHOULD PERVERT  
HIS KNOWLEDGE TO  
CRIMINAL ENDS!





# The DEATH ACT

"AND NOW," shouted the ringmaster from the center of the circus tent, "you are about to see one of the most exciting, death-defying acts of all time. The Human Cannon Ball will be shot from the far end of the tent and will land in a net at the other end. Wait and be ready to see The Great Maleko."

Albert Marshall was in the audience with his wife. For this one night, he wanted to forget that he was Chief Detective of Homicide. He was just another patron who had paid his fee to see the circus. A man, even a detective, had to have a little relaxation once in a while.

The Great Maleko came out and was put into his suit and helmet. With the aid of an assistant, he was shoved into the mouth of the cannon. The assistant took his time to be sure that everything was ready while the audience waited in silence and suspense. Albert Marshall turned to his wife and smiled.

"I've been shot at plenty of times," he said. "But I wouldn't want to change places with him."

"And I wouldn't allow it," she replied. "Every time he does this act, he's risking his life."

There was a rumble of drums. The cannon was fired and The Human Cannon Ball, The Great Maleko, went sailing through the air. Detective Marshall watched and grew tense. "Something's wrong," he said.

"Why?" asked his wife. "What do you mean?"

"Men usually keep straight and stiff in an act like this," he explained. "That fellow is doubled up and writhing in pain."

The Great Maleko landed awkwardly in the net, his head down and his knees drawn tightly against his stomach. Detective Marshall ran from his seat and leaped over the iron railing and ran as fast as he could to the far end of the tent where Maleko had landed.

"That man," thought Mrs. Marshall. "He can't relax for a minute."

But the detective had been in the business long enough to detect death when he saw it. By the time he got there, The Great Maleko lay dead in the net. Roustabouts with the circus came and carried him away, lifting him down gently so that the audience wouldn't suspect what had happened.

The show went on, with clowns and laughter and gay music. But the scene was drab outside.

There was a corpse and cops and the coroner and Detective Marshall of Homicide.

"He died of cyanide," said the coroner. "Must have taken it before he crawled into the cannon. Guess he committed suicide in a spectacular manner."

"Yeah," replied Detective Marshall. "Only I have to be sure it's suicide in my department; we look for murder."

"How could it be murder?" asked the coroner, shrugging his shoulders. "You know that cyanide works fast. This guy was in the cannon for five minutes before the act. Nobody could have crawled in to poison him."

"Okay," replied the detective. "You've done your job. Leave the rest to me."

Detective Marshall knew nothing of the dead man. He had no reason to believe that it was anything but suicide. But his training and experience had made it automatic to investigate. He walked the length of the tent to take a look at the cannon. He talked to the assistant. Then he saw something sticking out from under a small canvas that made him suspicious. He examined it. It was a can with a pressure valve on the top. And what came out was cyanide gas.

The assistant bristled as the detective turned to him. "I don't know anything about that," he shouted above the noise of the circus. "You can't pin anything on me." Somebody else must have squirted the cyanide gas into the cannon.

"How did you know it was cyanide gas?" asked the detective. "You weren't with the coroner when he gave the cause of death. Maybe that means you did it."

The assistant tried to get away but was caught. He admitted later that he had wanted the job and had tried to get rid of The Great Maleko so that he could take his place. And he had released the cyanide gas into the mouth of the cannon. The police arrested the assistant and took him away. Later, Detective Marshall returned to his wife who was watching the circus.

"Where have you been?" she asked, obviously annoyed. "Can't we have an evening out together?"

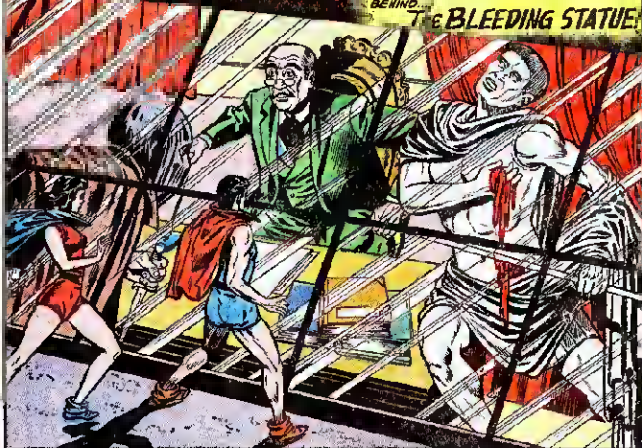
"Apparently not," answered the Chief of Homicide. "I'll tell you what happened when we get home. Only The Great Maleko didn't do a death-defying act. It was a death act. See what I mean?"



# Doll Man

ACCORDING TO LEGEND, THE STATUE OF JULIUS CAESAR WOULD BLEED AS A WARNING THAT SOMEONE IN THE FAMILY OF SLADE WAS GOING TO MEET VIOLENT DEATH! A GRIM AND GHASTLY LEGEND, SAID SOME SUPERSTITIOUS NONSENSE, SAID SCIENTIST DARREL DANE! BUT EVEN DARREL DANE, ALIAS THE DOLL MAN, AND HIS FIANCEE, MARTHA ROBERTS, ALIAS THE DOLL GIRL, FIND AMAZING, UNEXPLAINABLE MYSTERY BEHIND...

## THE BLEEDING STATUE!



IN THE FEUDAL MANSION OF OLD EBEN SLADE...

WELL, WE'VE HAD CAESAR'S STATUE STANDING THERE EVER SINCE THIS HOUSE WAS BUILT! THEY SAY IT BLOODS, WHENEVER A SLADE IS GOING TO DIE BY VIOLENT MEANS!

SURELY YOU DON'T BELIEVE THAT, EBEN!

WAS ANDROS HAS BEEN HOUSEKEEPER HERE FOR NIGH FORTY YEARS! AND SHE SAW IT BLEED!

THAT I DID, SIR...ON THE VERY NIGHT YOUR POOR WIFE WAS KILLED IN THAT AUTO ACCIDENT!



# DOLL MAN

YOU SEE DARREL? HOW DOES YOUR SCIENTIFIC MIND EXPLAIN THAT?

THAT SHOULDN'T BE HARD TO DO! I'LL WAGER THAT NO ONE BUT MRS. ANDREWS SAW THIS AMAZING PHENOMENON

DO YOU BELIEVE THAT BLACK CATS BRING BAD LUCK, MRS. ANDREWS? HAVE YOU EVER WALKED UNDER A LADDER? AND ISN'T THAT A RABBIT'S FOOT YOU WEAR ON A CHAIN AROUND YOUR NECK?

HAHA! I WON'T BE INSULTED BY YOU, YOUNG MAN!

THERE'S YOUR EXPLANATION, EBEN! MRS. ANDREWS IS A HIGHLY SUPERSTITIOUS WOMAN! EVEN IF SHE DIDN'T SEE YOUR STATUE BLEED THAT NIGHT, SHE'D CONVINCE HERSELF IT HAPPENED!

YOU'RE A CLEVER MAN, DARREL! BUT THERE MAY STILL BE THINGS YOUR PRECIOUS SCIENCE CAN'T EXPLAIN

YOU DIDN'T PLEASE MY UNCLE THAT I ME, DARREL! HE NEVER LIKES PEOPLE CLEVERER THAN HE IS!

I WASN'T TRYING TO PLEASE HIM, MARIAN!

THEN YOU SHOULD TRY HARDER, DARREL! HAVEN'T YOU HEARD WHY UNCLE EBEN GATHERED THE CLAN TONIGHT? HE'S GOING TO ANNOUNCE A FEW CHANGES IN HIS WILL!

I DON'T CARE WHAT HE DOES WITH HIS MONEY!

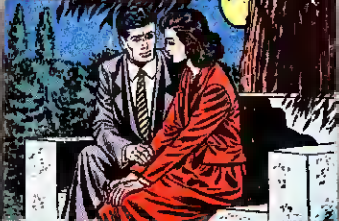
LATER, AS DARREL DANCE STROLLS IN THE GARDENS WITH HIS FIANCEE, MRS. ROBERTS,

EBEN SLADE IS A PECULIAR OLD MAN, DARREL! I HAVE A FEELING HE DOESN'T REALLY LIKE ANYBODY!

THIS WHOLE SET-UP IS PECULIAR, MARIAN!

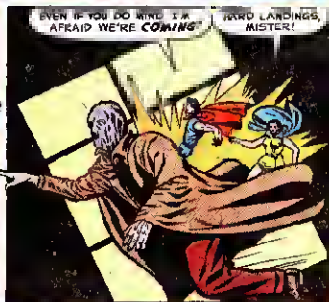
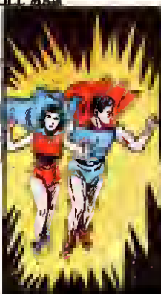
WHY SHOULD EBEN INVITE ALL HIS RELATIVES HERE TO INFORM THEM ABOUT ANY CHANGES IN HIS WILL? SEEMS TO ME HE'LL JUST STIR UP SOME FAMILY FEUDS BY

A-A-A-A-A!





DARREL DANE AND MARIA ROBERTS POSSESS THE UNIQUE ABILITY TO CONDENSE THE ATOMS OF THEIR AN EFFORT OF WILL, THUS BECOMING DOLL MAN AND DOLL GIRL!





**DAZED MOMENTS LATER...**

HOW! MY LEGS  
FEEL LIKE BOILED  
SPAGHETTI! HOW  
ARE YOU, DOLL  
GIRL?

STILL DIZZY,  
I GUESS!  
I-I THINK I  
SEE A STAIN  
ON CAESAR'S  
STATUE, AND-AND  
IT LOOKS LIKE...



YOU'RE  
RIGHT!  
**BLOOD!**

THEN THE  
LEGEND CAME  
TRUE! CAESAR'S  
STATUE DID  
BLEED... AS A  
WARNING OF  
OLD EBEN  
SLADE'S DEATH!



EBEN SLADE  
WASN'T KILLED  
AT THE DESK  
WHERE WE  
FOUND HIM!  
HE WAS PROPPED  
UP THERE BY THE  
KILLER. AFTER  
THE MURDER!

THAT EXPLAINS THE BLOODSTAINS  
ON CAESAR'S STATUE! EBEN  
MUST HAVE HEARD THE  
STATUE WHEN HE WAS KNIFE-  
D! HE FELL AGAINST IT WHEN  
HE WAS STRUCK DOWN!



BUT **WHY** WOULD THE KILLER  
DRAG A CORPSE BACK AND  
ARRANGE HIM SITTING  
AT THE DESK?

MY GUESS IS THAT EBEN PUT  
UP A FURIOUS STRUGGLE  
BEFORE HE WAS FINALLY  
KILLED! AND THE KILLER  
WANTED TO CONCEAL  
THE FACT THAT THERE  
HAD BEEN A  
STRUGGLE!



THERE'S ONLY ONE REASON WHY I'D BE SO  
CAREFUL TO CONCEAL THE FACT OF A  
STRUGGLE! BECAUSE EBEN MANAGED TO  
**INFLECT SOME INJURY** UPON HIS ASSAILANT  
BEFORE HE DIED!



I SUGGEST THAT WE ALL SUBMIT TO A  
COMPLETE PHYSICAL EXAMINATION!  
WE CAN CALL IN A QUALIFIED  
PHYSICIAN AND...

RIDICULOUS! I'LL DO  
NO SUCH THING!

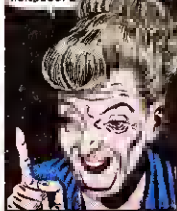


I KNOW WHO  
KILLED HIM! A  
GREEDY RELATIVE  
WHO FOUND OUT  
HE WAS GOING  
TO CHANGE HIS  
WILL AND LEAVE  
EVERYTHING TO  
**ME!**

MAYBE YOU'D  
BETTER TELL  
US WHOM YOU  
SUSPECT,  
MRS. ANDRES!

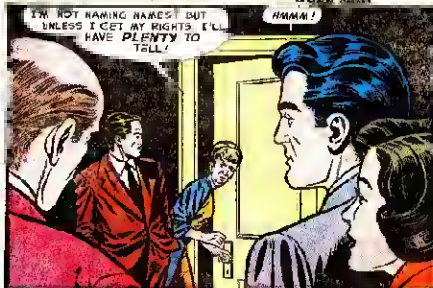


OH, I COULDN'T DO THAT! MY  
HIDROSCOPE FORBIDS ME  
TO REVEAL ANY SECRETS.  
OR I WON'T INHERIT THE  
FORTUNE! AND I **NEVER**  
GO AGAINST  
HIDROSCOPE!



**DOLL MAN**

# DOLL MAN



I'M NOT NAMING NAMES! BUT  
UNLESS I GET MY RIGHTS I'LL  
HAVE **PLENTY** TO  
TELL!

HMM!

THAT NIGHT, IN EBEN SLADE'S STUDY...

THIS MAGNIFYING MIRROR REVERSES  
THE INK MARKS ON THE BLOTTER!  
THERE'S ENOUGH LEGIBLE WRITING  
TO PROVE MRS. ANDRES WAS RIGHT:  
EBEN SLADE WAS WRITING A  
NEW WILL WHEN HE WAS MURDERED



I'VE A FEELING  
SHE KNOWS MORE  
ABOUT THE KILLER  
THAN SHE'S BEEN  
TELLING!

THAT COULD PROVE  
DANGEROUS... FOR  
HER! I THINK WE'D  
BETTER USE OUR  
WILL POWER AGAIN,  
MARTHA!

AGAIN THE MIRACULOUS  
CHARGE TO DOLL MAN AND  
DOLL GIRL...

MRS. ANDRES IS TRYING SOME  
SUBTLE BLACKMAIL! SHE AS  
MUCH AS TOLD THE KILLER  
THAT UNLESS HE RETURNED  
THE NEW WILL EBEN SLADE  
MADE OUT, SHE'D TELL WHAT  
SHE KNEW!



IF HE'S NOT THE TYPE JUST  
WHO BLACKMAILS EASILY, MRS. ANDRES  
MAY HAVE SPELLED OUT AN INVITATION  
TO MURDER...  
**HER OWN MURDER!**



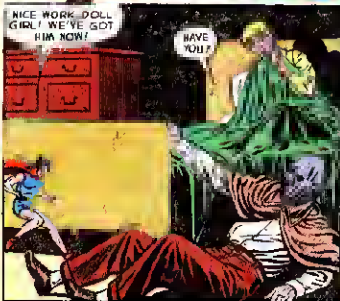
SO WE'LL KEEP  
WATCH IN MRS.  
ANDRES' ROOM!

IF THE KILLER SHOWS UP,  
WE'LL BE READY FOR  
HIM!

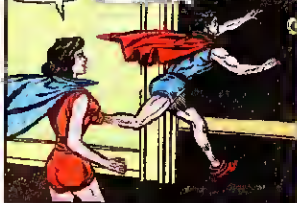
AT  
LAST  
THE  
SILENCE  
IS  
BROKEN  
BY  
THE  
MUTED  
SCRATCHING  
OF  
A  
KEY  
IN  
THE  
LOCK.  
THEN  
THE  
DOOR  
OPENS  
AND...

SHE'S ASLEEP! AND THIS IS ONE SLEEP  
FROM WHICH SHE'LL NEVER AWAKEN!





WHEN THE TWO MIGHTY MITES UNTANGLE THEMSELVES...

**HELP! MURDER!**THE KILLER  
GOT AWAY!HEAR THAT? SOUND-  
LIKE WE'VE TRACKED  
HIM DOWN ALREADY!A M-MASKED MARI! HE ATTACKED MY HUSBAND  
GREGORY...AND ESCAPED THROUGH THAT WINDOW!WE'LL GET  
HIM, MARIAN!IN FACT, WE'VE GOT  
HIM! THAT WOUND  
DOESN'T FOOL ME.  
EBEN SLADE GAVE IT  
TO YOU DURING THE  
STRUGGLE THAT  
KILLED HIM!CLEVER, AREN'T  
YOU? WELL, I'M  
NOT FINISHED!YOU'RE FINISHED  
NOW, HONEY!

CHHIN!



LATER, WHEN THE POLICE TAKE OVER...

THEY FOUND THE MASK  
AND CLOAK IN GREGORY  
AND MARIAN'S ROOM...  
ALONG WITH THE MURDER  
KNIFE! THEY'LL BOTH  
PAY THE PENALTY FOR  
THEIR CRIME!TEN-TEN! AND  
MARIAN WAS  
OLD EBEN  
SLADE'S FAVORITE  
NIECE!EBEN DECIDED TO CUT  
HER OFF WHEN SHE  
WARRIED THAT  
WORTHLESS FORTUNE  
HUNTER, GREGORY!  
WHEN MARIAN FOUND  
OUT, SHE PUT HER  
HUSBAND UP TO  
MURDERING HER  
UNCLE!A PLEASANT  
LITTLE CHARACTER.  
I HOPE YOU REALIZE  
THAT WITHHOLDING  
THAT EVIDENCE  
NEARLY COST  
YOUR LIFE.NEXT TIME  
DON'T PUT  
YOUR FAITH  
IN HOROSCOPES  
OR BLEEDING  
STATUES...  
SUPERSTITION  
IS JUST  
PLAIN  
SILLY!HAHA! MY  
HORSCOPE  
SAID I'D INHERIT  
A FORTUNE...AND  
I WILL! AS FOR  
THAT STATUE IT  
DID BLEED JUST  
AS A SLADE DIED  
A VIOLENT  
DEATH!YOU'RE BEING SILLY IF YOU  
CALL THAT SUPERSTITION,  
YOUNG MAN!



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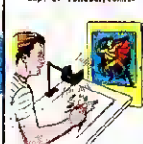
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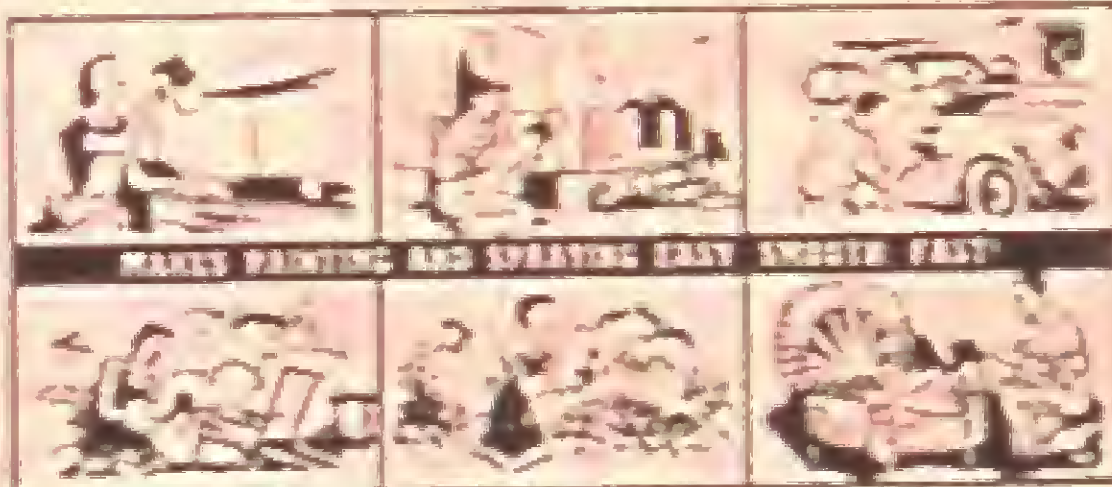
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